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BOACs Japan Service

Tokyo, Jan. 28.—The British Overseas Airways Corporation is among the several private commercial firms which have been licensed by SCAP recently to engage in commercial activity in Japan. BOAC is now conducting survey flights preliminary to the establishment of regularly scheduled flights of its flying boats between Hong Kong and Iwakuni via Shanghai.

BOAC is the third private commercial airline now authorized to operate in Japan. The first to be licensed were two American companies—Northwest Airlines and Pan-American Airways.—United Press

Jewish Protest Over Ship Searches

Jerusalem, Jan. 28.—Tel-Aviv's acting Mayor, E. Perelson, today protested to the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, against the order diverting all American ships from Tel-Aviv to Haifa, where they will be searched for possible illegal arms shipments.

The American freighter "Exford," the first to be affected by the order issued by the Director of Port Security, is expected to reach Haifa from Tel-Aviv today for examination. The vessel is reported to be carrying a general cargo plus 20 Ford trucks for the Tel-Aviv City Government and 120 tons of machinery.

The Jewish Council for Aviation today appealed for volunteers to train as pilots and navigators "in taking assistance to isolated settlements in an emergency."

Arab Plans

Arab preparations included a statement by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Murad, a member of the delegation which returned yesterday from Cairo, that Egypt will supply Palestine Arabs with large quantities of sugar, rice, cereals and medical equipment. He said he had assurances from the Arab League that "enormous sums of money will be collected for the Palestine struggle."

A Jewish broadcast today warned that the Arab bombing of a Jewish house in the old city last week could call for retaliation.

"We shall find it an easy job to blow up houses at night. If Haganah so far has restrained itself from such action is because we are loath to cast a blemish upon the honour of the old city sacred to all because of its past."—United Press.

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Believed Drowned: British Troops Safe Sea Disaster Off Japanese Coast

Okayama, Jan. 28.—Three British Commonwealth Occupation soldiers and 112 Japanese passengers were rescued from the Inland Sea early today after the ferry "Joo Maru" struck a mine and sank with a loss of life estimated by the Allied authorities to be as high as 287.

The only Allied passengers, who were survivors, were (British) Captain C. E. Wheaton, (Australian) Sergeant J. R. Brown and (Australian) Sergeant R. McKenna. All were attached to the British Occupation Headquarters in Kobe.

The Japanese Merchant Marine Corporation said the 110-ton ferry struck a mine and sank in the Inland Sea early today, carrying 112 Japanese passengers and 15 British soldiers and 15 British sailors.

The Commonwealth listed 255 passengers and a crew of 34; all the British were saved. Australian soldiers in Okayama said the 110-ton ship struck a mine and sank early today.

The spokesman for the Australian 11th Infantry Battalion said Captain Wheaton and two other Allied soldiers were on board when the ferry struck a mine.

Asleep

Two of them were asleep but he was walking on deck at the time before the disaster.

"Suddenly there was a terrible detonation. We rushed on deck. A moment later we took to the water, which was bitterly cold. We were in the water ten minutes before being picked up by Japanese fishing boats which took us to land," Wheaton said.

Quakes Shake Philippines

Manila, Jan. 28.

A new series of earthquake shocks rocked the Philippines early today for the fourth consecutive day, with the central islands shaken by sinking of the earth's crust.

One death was reported from Capiz, making the total earthquake deaths 22.

The Philippine Weather Bureau announced that four places on three different islands felt new tremors from "moderate to heavy" intensity. Twenty-one persons died as a result of Sunday's quake.

It was officially announced that a heavy shock of "Intensity Six" hit Iloilo Island, due north of Panay, in the Sulu Sea, at 1:14 a.m. Moderate shocks were felt at Capiz, northern Panay port at 2:01 a.m., at Marinduque Island, just north of Luzon, at 1 a.m., and at Iloilo at 1:55 a.m.

The Bulacan Provincial Board has told Malabon Palace that the general situation in that Province as a result of the earthquake "is not so alarming."

The Board said only two persons were reported dead in the entire Province outside the metropolitan area.—United Press.

Arms Dump In Church Grounds

Apparently having been hidden by British troops during the fighting in 1941, 88 rounds of 45 revolver ammunition and 15 rounds of 303 rifle ammunition were discovered in the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Causeway Bay, on Tuesday.

The ammunition was found by a gardener digging in a small garden at the back of the church grounds. The gardener reported his find to Mr. Kao, Chairman of the Church Council, who went to the Police. At Central Magistrate yesterday a Police application for confiscation of the goods was granted.

The three British survivors arrived at Battalion Headquarters in Okayama early today, and were taken to the Japanese base in Kobe. Their condition is reported to be fine and they apparently suffered no ill-effects.

The survivors said the water was black with floundering passengers.

"Matter Of Seconds"

Wheaton said: "The boat sank in a matter of seconds."

Japanese survivors said that after struggling for aid but were down in less than a minute. Military Government officials here said ten persons died after being hit by the ship.

Two Japanese coastal vessels, the "Mitsui Maru" and the "Yamaguchi Maru," were dispatched from Kurematsu and Osaka to search for additional survivors.

An Australian Air-Sea Rescue unit is standing by to render aid to Japanese vessels recovering bodies.

It is believed the mine is not of the contact type, as the ill-fated ferry, with a draft of only nine feet, is considered too shallow to strike something around Okayama and Ushimado it is impossible to get an definite figure for the number on board. It appears certain, however, that the three Allied survivors were the only Allied troops on board.—United Press.

Chinese Reds Take Hsinlitun

Shanghai, Jan. 28.

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Some items were also balanced by revenue receipts, and so far as could be judged from information available locally it still seemed probable that there could be no appreciable excess over the total expenditure figure in the 1947-48 Estimates, beyond that caused by salary adjustments following the recently approved general salary revision.

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Mr. Attlee was snapped by the cameraman at a crucial moment during a recent lunch at the South African Club, London. The occasion was an official welcome to the new South African High Commissioner, Leif Egeland. Mr. Egeland, who succeeds Heaton Nicholls (made a Baron in the New Year Honours List), is of Norwegian origin and speaks several Scandinavian languages. During the Paris Peace Conference, he made a speech in Russian. On Mr. Attlee's right is Mrs. Egeland, wife of the 44-year-old High Commissioner. (Associated Press Photo).

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WANG SHIH-CHIEH CRITICISES REPORT IN "THE TIMES"

Nanking, Jan. 28.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, said that the Canton fire and rioting had made the solution of the Kowloon city issue much more difficult, when he reported on the Kowloon city eviction question to the Kuomintang Central Political Council today.

He expressed the hope, however, that a speedy settlement would be reached on both the Kowloon city and Canton issues.

Referring to compensation, Wang Shih-chieh said that the Chinese Government would follow the customary rule laid down in international arbitration.

At a press conference, Dr. Hsiao T'ung, Director of the Government Information Office, said that the editorial published in "The Times" on January 24 regarding the Shamen incident gave a "completely misleading picture of the relationship between the Chinese Government and the press."

No Reply Yet

Nanking, Jan. 28.—Foreign Office spokesman Shih Chai-ying told a news conference

BRITISH NOTE ON KOWLOON

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that the Chinese Government had not yet replied to the (British) Foreign Office's protest over the mob attack on British property in Canton.

Both Canton and Kowloon were under negotiation between the Chinese and British Governments with a view to reaching a reasonable and mutually satisfactory settlement.

Shih said the latest Foreign Office note, a copy of which the British Ambassador had personally to Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, is to "express events leading to the Kowloon Incident as the British authorities see them."

A British Embassy spokesman denied that his Government had agreed to free the Chinese jailed as a result of the Kowloon clashes and without attaching any pending negotiations of the dispute as reported in Chinese newspapers.—Associated Press.

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LONGEST COLD SIEGE IN 12 YEARS

Chicago, Jan. 27.

The longest siege of cold weather in 12 years has drained fuel supplies to danger point, disrupted vital steel and coal production and forced industrial shutdowns in at least five States today.

Deaths resulting from the prolonged cold wave rose to 180 and the Weather Bureau predicted no relief in sight.

In Detroit, 200,000 auto workers faced layoffs for the second time in a week as the Gas Com-

pany has asked industrial users to halt operations to make certain domestic users are protected during the bitter cold. Production will be suspended for three days.

In the great Pittsburgh industrial center, about 13,000 miners, steelworkers, glass workers and ironworkers are idle. Gas was shut off from 400 plants, affecting Carnegie, Illinois Steel, Republic Steel and others. Four Pennsylvania coal mines were closed because water routes were frozen, preventing shipments.

The Ohio Fuel Gas Company appealed to schools, churches, theatres and taverns using gas for heat to shut down. Two thousand Libby glass workers in Toledo, Ohio, were laid off when all industrial gas was shut off.

Ice Jam
Near Marshall, Illinois, 30 river barges laden with oil and coal for Chicago were trapped in a ice jam. The Chicago fuel oil situation was described as "tight."

Meanwhile, the New York Metropolitan area, braced for more snow, Oil-reserves there have been exhausted.

All over the nation, many families shivered in unheated homes after using the last drop of heating oil. The nation's coldest spot was in West Yellowstone, Montana, where it was 48 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

According to an eye-witness, two accomplices remained outside the building and left with the murderer in a motor car which they had in readiness. Router.

China's Self-Help Programme

Nanking, Jan. 28.

The Chinese Government today pledged itself to a sweeping 10-point self-help programme of domestic reforms to insure the maximum benefits from any new financial aid given by the United States.

Premier Chang Chun in a statement said the programme would include economies in Government spending, a manpower tax, banking reforms and more vigorous steps against inflation and the Black Market.

Chang expressed his Government's "gratification" at the advice from the United States that here will be early action by Congress on "substantial aid for China."

The United States State Department is expected to recommend soon a Chinese-aid programme of somewhere between US\$200,000,000 and US\$300,000,000.

The Premier said that China "fully recognised" that strong domestic measures of self-help must be taken to "secure maximum benefit from external aid," which, he said, China is ready to do.

The programme called for readjustment of Government spending; revision of the tax systems; a raise in the pay of civil servants; strengthening of essential commodities; efforts to stabilize the monetary system; reforms in the banking and credit systems; promotion of exports; improved import control; improved farm conditions; and the rehabilitation of communications.—United Press.

It'll Soon Be Warmer In H'Kong

The weather should get gradually warmer during the next few days, said an official of the Royal Observatory yesterday.

The Siberian anti-cyclone is gradually spreading towards the east, with the result that the air reaching the Colony has been increasingly from the East instead of directly from the ice fields in the north.

The highest temperature for the day was 49 degrees at 1 p.m. while the lowest registered at 5 a.m. was 45 degrees.

Hourly read yesterday were—1 a.m. 45.9 degrees Fahrenheit; 2 a.m. 45.2; 3 a.m. 45.1; 4 a.m. 45.3; 5 a.m. 45.0; 6 a.m. 45.1; 7 a.m. 45.5; 8 a.m. 46.4; 9 a.m. 46.9; 10 a.m. 46.9; 11 a.m. 48.0; Noon 47.9; 1 p.m. 49.0; 2 p.m. 48.1; 3 p.m. 48.1; 4 p.m. 47.8; 5 p.m. 48.1; 6 p.m. 47.1; 7 p.m. 46.9; 8 a.m. 47.1; 9 p.m. 47.1; 10 p.m. 47.1; 11 p.m. 47.1; Midnight 46.6.

The Weather

General situation: The centre of highest pressure is now situated over N.W. Kansas with a ridge extending S.E. to Hawaii. A trough is developing over Japan.

Forecast: Moderate N.W. winds cloudy with fair periods during afternoon and evening. Continuing cold.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 48.8 deg. F. Minimum 44.0 deg. F. Sunshine Nil.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—21.4 mm. (8.4 in.) as against an average of 22.7 mm. (0.9 in.) for the month.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at m.s.l. 1009.9 1024.4 m.b. Temp. 50.4 50.7 inches. Rel. Humidity 66 71 % Wind Force 10 10 deg. F. Wind Direction N.W. N.W. Wind Force 10 10 deg. F.

BANKING BILL PASSES THIRD READING

The Banking Bill, providing for the regulation and licensing of banking business in Hong Kong, passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Passing into law of the measure, following adoption by the Council of the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the Bill, and the Bill passed incorporated the recommendations of the Committee, published in the Gazette of Jan. 23.

Mr. J. B. Griffin said: "The report of the Select Committee was presented to the Council at its last meeting. In the interval, the report and a draft of the Bill which accompanied the report have been printed and published in the Gazette."

"In particular the report recommended an amendment to the definition of banking business occurring in the Bill, and also recommended that Chinese native banks be relieved from the necessity of forming themselves into companies under the Companies Ordinance in order to qualify to receive a licence under the contemplated legislation to enable them to continue to commence the business of banking."

Criticisms

"As indicated in the report, the Committee considered such criticisms and proposals as were made in regard to the Bill. One or two further proposals were, however, received as late as yesterday, much after the report of the Committee had been tabled. Such proposals were that the Bill should persist in the requirement that balance sheets should be audited, and the other that all banks should be required to have and to show a minimum capital before continuing in business."

"The former proposal was considered by the Select Committee in fact, because it was contained in the Bill under consideration by such Committee. The latter proposal is new, and I would not urge or suggest that this Council would postpone the adoption of the report because of such proposal, because it is one needing much consideration and consequently because it seems to me at least that it is preferable that the legislation as contemplated by the report, if enacted, should be given a trial to gain experience before any further additional provision is made to such legislation."

The proposal was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and carried unanimously.

A general meeting of the Hong Kong Council of Women will be held in the Y.W.C.A., tonight at 5.15 p.m.

The Deputy-Director of Health Services, Dr. K. C. Yeo, will speak on "A General Survey of Public Health Services in Hong Kong", followed by two short illustrative films. All interested are welcome.

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12.50 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.55 p.m.—Harry Hurlik and His Orchestra & Glen Cady (Soprano).
1.00 p.m.—D.H.C. Transcription Service: "Serenade to the Stars."
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—A Lunch Time Concert.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—STUDIO: Radio Rhythm presented by Philip Dunn.
6.50 p.m.—STUDIO: Le Demi-Deux-Francs.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—D.H.C. Transcription Service: "T.M.A." with Tommy Handley.
7.45 p.m.—D.H.C. Transcription Service: "The Masqueraders."
8.00 p.m.—D.H.C. Transcription Service: "A Play 'On the Way' by Anton Chekhov."
8.25 p.m.—Interlude.
8.30 p.m.—D.H.C. Transcription Service: "Music in Melodrama."
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.11 p.m.—STUDIO: Book Reviews presented by Ewald Obilias.
9.25 p.m.—Radio Recital by Louis Kentep.
9.45 p.m.—STUDIO: Vocal Recital by Cella Rodman (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Betty Brown, "Songs from Near and Far."
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—D.H.C. Transcription Service: "Whom the Gods Love."
10.45 p.m.—Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago.

Lecture In Air

Students of Hong Kong University and the North-east Training College took a short flight over the Colony for a Geographical Survey yesterday.

The party were taken by Dr. S. G. Davis, Lecturer at the University. This is probably the first time a lecture has been given in the air. The plane was chartered from the Hong Kong Airways.

"We Want Land, Not Money"

"We want land, not money" is the general reaction of the people concerned to Government's introduction of an Ordinance to provide compensation for land (requisitioned by the Japanese during the war) now employed in the extension of Kai Tak airfield.

Some 20 representatives of the owners of land and houses dispossessed by the Japanese taking over their property to expand the airfield, met on Tuesday night and drafted five-point petition to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The document, sent to the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, yesterday, emphasised that under no circumstances will money be acceptable as compensation.

It pointed out that compensation should be in the form of alternative land in the Kai Tak area.

Offered \$10 To Policeman

Offering a bribe of \$10 to a Shantung police corporal with a view to influence his conduct cost Lai Pang \$200 or one month when he was convicted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

According to the prosecution, defendant offered the police officer \$10 to allow him on to the wharf where a quantity of abalone was being loaded on to a junk.

Defendant denied the allegation. He had no reason to offer a bribe as the cargo did not belong to him. He was merely passing by.

He could not account for the \$10 being in the possession of the Police officer and swore that the money was not his.

Mr. d'Almada said he was satisfied with the evidence, convicted Lai and fined him \$200 or one month.

UNCLAIMED GOODS CONFISCATED

Goods without a claimant were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday. The goods were seized in ships leaving for China.

The goods included everything from toothpicks to Nylon stockings, cosmetics to shoe polish and powdered milk to sandalwood fans.

Senior Revenue Officer Humphreys asked for the confiscation as no one had appeared to claim the goods from the I. and E. Department.

Beginning Sunday, February 1, BOAC and Hongkong Airways are to be served by the same telephone lines. The new number for both offices will be 31164.

Joint Opium-Heroin Divan Raided

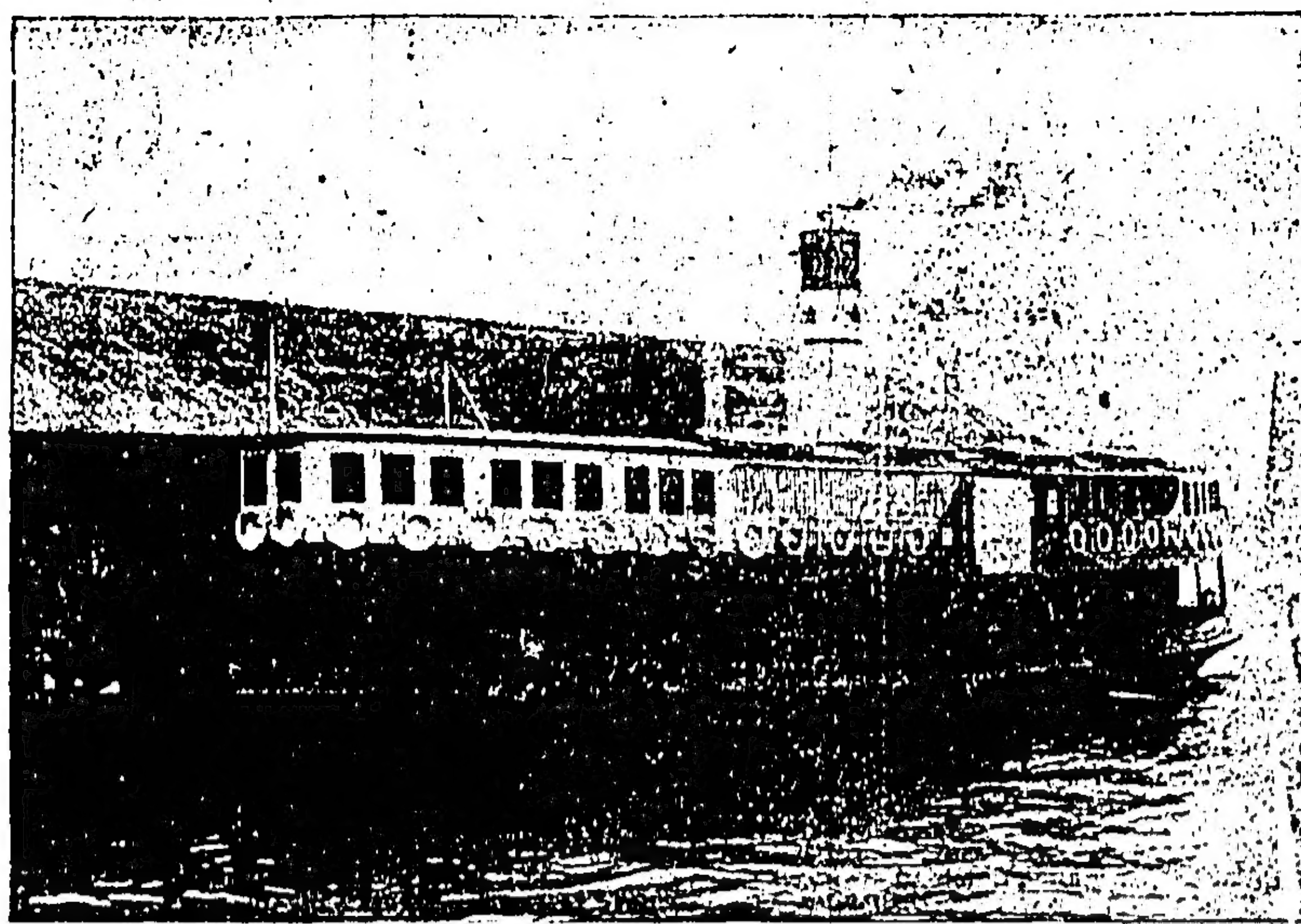
Six raids on opium divans were carried out by the Police in the Yaumatei district on Tuesday. In one of these, conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, Chan Kam was found to be running a joint opium and heroin divan.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Laidner yesterday, Chan was fined \$100 (or two months) for keeping an opium divan; \$1,000 (or six months) for keeping a heroin divan; and \$1,000 (or two months) for possession of three heroin pipes. All sentences to be consecutive.

One of the smokers was fined \$20, while the other had his bail of \$25 estreated.

Also arrested by Det. Morrison, Chan Ng (widow) and Cheung Chin were fined \$100 (or two months) for keeping a divan at 85 Temple Street, first floor, and 282 Reclamation Street, third floor, respectively.

The smoker in Chan Ng's divan was fined \$20. The Yuk, arrested by Det. Baker at 81 Temple Street, first floor, was also fined \$20.



The "new" Star ferry "Golden Star" is now in service and the improved arrangement of passenger accommodation has aroused favourable comment. Built over 20 years ago and sunk during the war, she was raised from the river bed, refitted and came back on the job again on Sunday last.—"China Mail" Photo.

THE SAILOR SPUN HIM A GOOD YARN

Mr. Ho Kwai-fong of 4 Taiipo Road, second floor, has a son in the United States, and so "swallowed" the tale spun him by 24-year-old unemployed seaman Sit Chi-leung on Jan. 23 that the boy needed food and clothing.

Sit told Ho that he was a seaman on board American ship and that he met his son during one of his trips. Young Ho, he said, asked him to call on the parents, get the food and clothes, and bring them back to the United States on the next trip.

Papa Ho got a new suitcase and packed it full with tinned goods and warm clothing. He also gave the friendly courier \$300 and a gold ring to hand to the boy.

When Ho insisted on seeing Sit back to the ship the latter did not say so. They went on board a motorboat and proceeded out to the U.S.S. "Pine Island."

Alongside the aircraft carrier, Sit clambered on board and, to the amazement of a ship's officer, "Well I am back." Little did the officer know that this was a lie for the benefit of the man on the motorboat who, after hearing this definite evidence of Sit's supposedly bona fides, went back to shore.

Pretext

Sit, said Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts to Magistrate W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, was not employed on board the "Pine Island" but merely went on board on the pretext of getting a job.

On the following day, continued DSI Roberts, Sit again called on Ho. The latter was not only surprised but became suspicious and asked his friend, Det. 572, to make inquiries.

Quailed, defendant admitted that he pawned the suitcase and its contents for \$80 which, together with the \$350, he lost in gambling.

Accused, concluded the prosecuting officer, had two previous convictions for the same type of offence.

The Magistrate sentenced Sit to 18 months' hard labour on the obtaining money by false pretences charge, and a fine of \$100 (or another two months) on the unlawful pawning count.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE

A \$250 fine with the option of two months' hard labour was imposed on Tong Kai at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of keeping a common gaming house for Fan Tan.

Appearing at the same time were nine others charged with playing Fan Tan. They were each fined \$25 or four days' hard labour.

Inspector J. Moore prosecuted.

FOOD PARCELS FUND

H.M.S. Flycatcher \$ 160.00
Total \$12,603.59

COMPENSATION SCHEME CRITICISED

Criticism of Government's proposal to resume, by the payment of monetary compensation to owners, land employed by the Japanese for extension of Kai Tak Airfield, led to postponement of the first reading of the Bill in Legislative Council yesterday to give effect to the proposal.

Asking permission of Council to postpone introduction of the Bill, the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said that as late as yesterday further proposals or criticisms had been received by Government, and it was felt that further consideration should be given to the matter.

CREWS WALK OUT

Shanghai, Jan. 28. Many Chinese ships due to sail yesterday failed to leave port because their crews walked out in protest against the deprivation of their right to vote at the Legislative Yuan election.

—Reuter.



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TENDERS will be required to
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The examination for Sanitary
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An entry fee of \$75 will be
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Application forms for entry
to the above examination may
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Secretary, Room 109, H.K. &
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The application list will close
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J. I. BARNES,
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clature, we have applied to the
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AMERICAN POLICY IN JAPAN Concentrating On Economic Angle Peace Settlement Long Way Off

Washington, Jan. 27.
Informed quarters today reported that the United
States has "virtually abandoned" its intention
to press for an early Japanese peace confer-
ence.

Instead America may increase efforts to assist
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No firm decision has been
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FRENCH SOCIALIST CRISIS

Opposition To Free Gold Market

Government Bill Rejected

Paris, Jan. 27. The Premier, M. Robert Schuman, is holding an extraordinary meeting tonight to discuss a threatened crisis after a decision by the Socialist Party group in the National Assembly to vote against the Government's bill re-establishing a free market in gold and hard currencies.

Some quarters thought a Cabinet crisis was possible in the next 24 hours, but most lobby observers believed that in the end some bargain would be made to avoid the Government's resignation.

The Government's bill was rejected today by the Finance Committee of the National Assembly by 17 votes to 15 with seven abstentions.

The Socialists and Communists voted against the bill and the popular Republicans and some radicals for it.

The Assembly itself met this afternoon and adjourned later tonight as the Finance Committee had not yet completed its study of the bill.

The Socialists, on whose votes the Government depends for a majority, decided at their meeting today to send a party delegation to the Prime Minister to try and get the Government to modify its policy and satisfy Socialist apprehensions.

Main Objections

The main objections to the bill voiced at the Socialist meeting were:

1. The Government had failed to take into account the objections of the British Government.
2. It had ignored the views of the International Monetary Fund.
3. It was opening the door to an out of date economic liberalism.

It was not clear what the Socialists proposed in place of the Government's bill, and it was thought in the lobby that the Socialists might well finally decide to continue to support the Government provided M. Jean Mayer, the Finance Minister, or at least his Under Secretary

for Economic Affairs, M. Felix Gaillard, resigned.

Sir Stafford Crisp, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, offered to increase the deposits of British gold to France from 6,000 to 25,000 tons a month if France abandoned the "double franc" devaluation scheme. M. Mayer told a joint meeting of the Finance and Foreign Affairs Committees of the Assembly today.

Yesterday's devaluation of the franc from 180 to 800 to the pound provided for a free market rate in addition to the official rate. It was the possible effect of the free market rate on the pound which gave rise to British objections.

M. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, told the meeting: "Cooperation between the British and French Governments is being fully maintained."—Reuter.

Parashots In Tight Corner

Singapore, Jan. 27. Travellers from French Indo-China said today Viet Namese fighters had eventually encircled a group of French parachute troops dropped southwest of Saigon.

The French dropped at least 10 plane loads of men on the nearby plains in that area 10 days ago, the informant said. They are now fighting for their existence.

The district has been the chief rallying point for Viet Namese resistance in Cochinchina for months. Associated Press.

Civil Government For U.S. Zone

Washington, Jan. 27. The Secretary of the Army (Mr. Kenneth Royall) announced tonight that "on or about July 1" the Army would turn over the Military Government in Germany to the State Department.

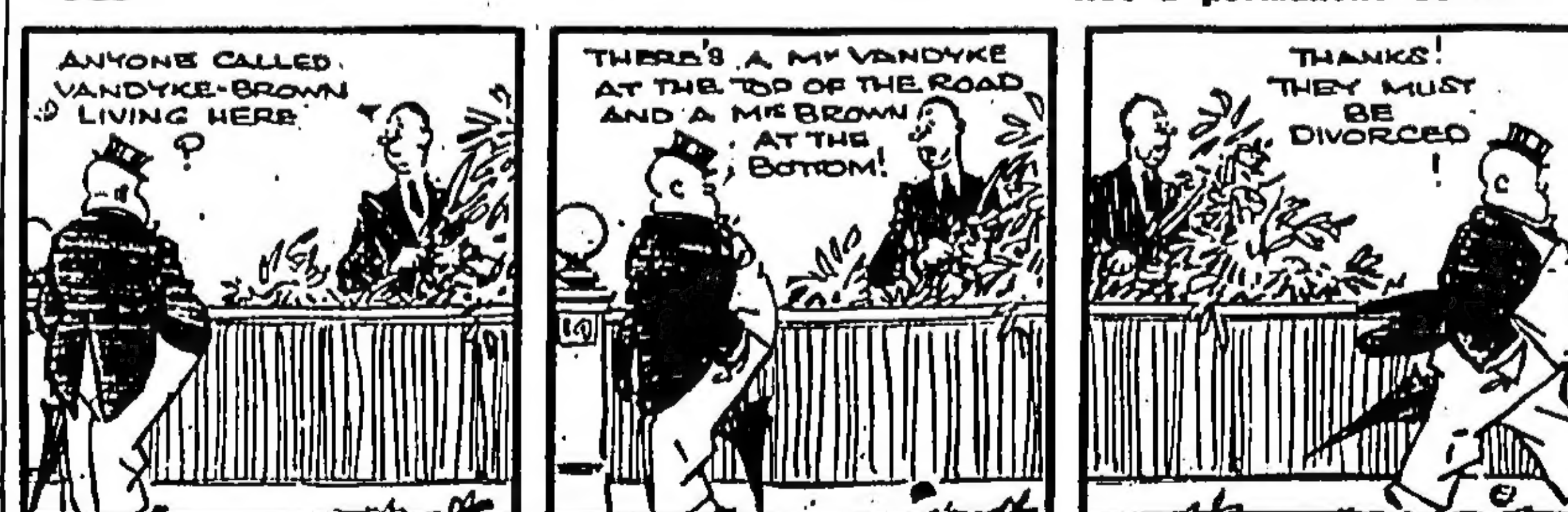
The decision was reached after recent conferences attended by Mr. Royall, the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) and the Military Governor of the United States Zone (Gen. Lucius Clay).

It came after two and a half years' strenuous efforts by the Army to get rid of responsibility for the Military Government in Germany especially and in all occupied areas generally.

However, no plans have yet been formulated for changes in the Military Governments in Korea and Japan.

Mr. Marshall recently told Congress that the new target date for transfer in Germany was June 30.

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BOMB ATTEMPT IN ROME

Rome, Jan. 27. A high explosive blew up early today in front of the offices of the Left-wing Italian Socialist Party, led by Signor Pietro Nenni, in the Northern Rome quarter of "Flaminio."

There were no casualties but damage was reported.—Reuter.

Wrecked Vessel Abandoned

SHANGHAI, JAN. 28. WITH ALL ENGINES STOPPED AND WATER RISING STEADILY IN THE HOLDS AND ENGINE ROOMS, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE CHINESE SHIP, DAI CHUNGWA, WHICH RAN A GROUND NEAR TSINGTAO DURING THE WEEKEND, ABANDONED SHIP AT NOON MONDAY, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS.

The decision to abandon the vessel was made after an anxious night spent in waiting for a rescue ship, which were pounding through stormy seas in a vain attempt to reach the stricken ship.

Up to last night, no news was received as to the fate of the crew, but it was believed that they had arrived safely in nearby Tsingtao.

The first SOS was received from the 1,900-ton Dai Chungwa on Sunday, when she reported she had gone aground near Horse Shoe Rock, off Tsingtao, and was taking water rapidly in her holds and engine rooms.

Although many ships responded to her appeal for immediate assistance, none was able to reach her because of the heavy seas.—Reuter.

Worker's Heroism In Fire

Manchester, Jan. 27. With overalls aflame, Norman Mason, aged 25, of Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, ran 50 yards to the fire alarm here today, then ran back to the factory where a fire was raging and disconnected two large gas generators.

Five minutes later, 15 Streetford firemen risked their lives to extinguish the blaze.

Mason was working in the acetylene charging plant of the British Chemical Gases Limited factory when an explosion occurred.

The flames flashed to a bank of 100 charged acetylene cylinders then to the gas compressor, where there was another explosion. Mason was badly burned, but instead of seeking first aid, immediately set about saving his workmates. Only when the fire was extinguished did he agree to receive treatment.

The firemen worked among cylinders which were liable to explode at any moment.—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 27. The Military High Command is reported to have told Senators on Tuesday that if Tricton with Russia continues, it may have to ask Congress next year for a huge boost in funds to "modernise the Army, Navy and Air Forces."—Associated Press.

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MARRIAGE

SEQUEIRA—D'AQUINO.—Mrs. G. M. C. Sequeira announces the forthcoming marriage of her youngest daughter, Socorro Maria to Francisco Thomas A. Aquino, son of Mrs. E. G. D'Aquino, on February 7th, 1948 at Rosary Church at 4 p.m. No invitation cards are issued but all friends and relatives are invited to the ceremony, to be followed by a Reception at Little Flower Club, King's Park, Kowloon.

LOCAL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Motorists have now had an opportunity to test, by practical experience, the new measures for achieving more effective, smoother traffic control in the City area. There have been no outbursts of enthusiasm, but opinion generally is that a distinct improvement must be recognised, particularly at the Garden Road intersection where long hold-ups have been virtually eliminated.

Delays at the Pedder Street-D'Almeida Road Central-Charter Road crossings have, to some extent, increased, but here the crucial test probably is that while this was formerly one of the worst of black spots for accidents prior to the introduction of the new system, no serious accident of any kind has been reported since it was instituted.

Pedestrians, who in this Colony have, apparently, an instinctive resistance to regimentation, doubtless find the barricades a trifle irksome, but they, too, can scarcely go beyond the evidence that the greater protection afforded to life and limb has been amply demonstrated.

Further surveys of the existing methods of organising the traffic flow can, probably, lead to simplification. For instance, the re-direction of traffic has had the effect of increasing the volume of cars and lorries using Connaught Road Central, and in consequence has added to "jams" created in the vicinity of the Star Ferry by controls designed to give free passage to the crowds from the ferry. In the course of the day, an average of 50,000 passengers is crossing the harbour and concentrating upon this point.

The answer to both problems would seem to be the building of a bridge for pedestrian traffic over Connaught Road Central into Ice House Street. A sub-way under the road would undoubtedly be preferable, assuming that the relative costs showed no great disparity, but as the construction of Hong Kong's soil is such as to involve, generally, a struggle against rock formation, there seems little doubt that an overhead bridge would prove cheaper, if something of an eyesore.

So little attention has been paid in the past to meeting traffic problems by the construction of subways that to discuss them now may appear to be somewhat revolutionary. It is, however, about time Hong Kong overcame the small-town idea and the small-town complex.

Today's figures of motor traffic in the city district are not available. Nothing, is, however, more certain than that in the short period since the liberation of the Colony, the volume is already greatly in excess of the pre-war figure and that new measures are essential if this rapid growth is to be dealt with adequately, with the least inconvenience both to motor-users and pedestrians alike.

What criticisms are to be levelled against the efforts now being made to produce a satisfactory solution derive principally from the fact that consideration has to be paid to two factors, the easing of the flow of traffic by eradication of bottlenecks, and assuring that the interests of pedestrians are, at the same time, safeguarded.

If these two main factors could

With overcast, muffled, hot water bottle and chattering teeth I disembarked from a flying boat in an English Channel harbour, and then from a motor launch on to the South Coast of England three weeks ago. A bitterly cold wind was blowing from the North and all the advice volunteered cheerfully by friends in Hong Kong about not visiting England in the depth of winter began to seem very sensible indeed. However it was a little late to think of that. Four hours later the other nine bundled passengers and myself who had been rushed through the air in the warm, comfortable living boat from the Far East, reached London.

It was then that my troubles really started. Scarcely declining the offer of accommodation in a small Kensington hotel provided by ROAC officials I embarked for Fleet Street and telephoned all the central hotels listed in the book. The stock phrase of 20 per cent of employed receptionists in London hotels at that moment was then repeated over and over again: "Sorry, Madam, no accommodation will be available for some time." Stuffed by this lack of hospitality to a countrywoman from over the seas, I decided to find a cosy restaurant, a good meal and a warming drink. This venture turned out to be practically an impossibility. The heating installations in restaurants in Britain today most conform with the Ministry of Fuel and Power restrictions, while all meals served must conform with the Ministry of Food rationing system.

Desperate

The alcohol situation was quite desperate, and the price of a brandy which I finally agreed to pay was staggering. After an unappealing dinner of mutton, two thin slices of beef (that one must have been very old), some forced sprouts, and a tablespoon of potatoes (one rationed), I began my search for somewhere to sleep. Eventually I gave up and stepped on a train for Manchester, confident that Lancashire's pride and joy, the fish and chip shop, would provide my main source of nourishment during meal-times in the next few days.

It was two years since I had seen Manchester and after the monsoon

of the East I didn't think a little thing like normal Manchester weather would be upsetting. However, sensing the return of an old friend, Manchester did its best for me in the form of days of continuous rain and wind. The heavy clouds towering above that grim Lancashire town unboomed themselves gladly, for as all Britain was aware, the city had for months previously been suffering from a water shortage. "Don't Waste Water" posters could still be seen on the walls and entrances to buildings as the rain came down.

All users of the London Midland and Scottish Railway line from London to Manchester know that northbound trains from Euston arrive at London Road Station. After the inside top of a Crewe which was covered with a film of white crisp frost, the train pulled into London Road about an hour later to find that Manchester was colder than the unprotected South Coast. With a porter in tow, I hastened to where at one time the station taxis were to be found.

Taxis

A bedraggled queue of travellers stood in its place. "Where are the taxis?" I asked the porter. "There's still a war on here you know, Miss, and petrol rationing," said he. But don't you worry, just stand here with these other people and you'll get one here and there."

By and by, an indecently placed, it turned out to mean near, is an hour. But during that time, standing huddled for warmth with the other queuers outside the shelter of the station, I became aware, perhaps for the first time, of the meaning of that term "British grit and cheerfulness" which is earning for the country today the admiration of the world. Nobody gumbled about the absence of taxis or the miserable four ration, nobody recounted occasions in pre-war England when taxi drivers turned their horns to attract customers, nobody compared the cigarette and beer and clothing coupon shortage with those of other more fortunate countries outside England. The main topic of conversation was the weather, and after that, the Black Market.

One by one the queuers diminished in number and my turn came at last. The driver of the taxi, a friendly specimen of Lancashire's solid working class, was in a conversational mood. After the preliminary directions had been given, he chatted on several subjects including himself and me. Now no true Lancashire liver ever takes offence at what are termed in the South country "personal questions" and he changed details in a very friendly spirit. "Tell me," I asked "how do you manage to run your taxi and conform with the petrol regulations?"

Black Market

Said the driver: "Oh, we don't exactly do that, we couldn't, or we'd never have any cabs on the road. My company has a fleet of seventeen taxis, twelve of them going we have to buy petrol on the Black Market." On the Black Market, I repeated, amazed that he apparently knew nothing of the Black Market. He said he was willing to reveal information of this kind to all and sundry, without a thought to it being the ears of the authorities. "Yes," he replied "everybody realises, including the Government, that we all have to do a few things on the sly. Not much, you know, just a little here and there."

During my few days in Manchester, this statement was confirmed. So in relation to the egg ration (two per fortnight each person) and clothing coupons (20 allotted per person for six months). The bulk of off course the centre of most of these transactions, being the main social spot in which all class of Englishmen meet on the same level.

On the way from the station to my home, I peered out of the windows at Manchester's unlovely streets and buildings. The bomb damage, mainly perpetrated on the centre and surrounding parts of the city, the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 1942, and then termed the "Manchester Blitz" had left its mark everywhere in the shape of half ruined business premises and houses, solitary standing walls and open spaces. Manchester's slum district, the like of which is not to be found anywhere in England had been supplanted by many of these spaces. The grim, standing joke of that nerve racking time was that Hitler had decided to help Manchester City Council to demolish overcrowded tenement areas. However, the hundreds of back-to-back houses which make up the two suburbs of Green-heys and Hulme, looked just as they had before the war except that there was an absence of fresh paint everywhere. Platt Fields, which is to Manchester what Hyde Park is to London, was deserted. Facing the broad main road which leads from the city to Cheshire, the huge park had at one time been enclosed by iron railings. These had disappeared, as a contribution to the war effort, and in consequence the once well kept grass verges resembled the outskirts of a croft or natural playing ground.

Fish And Chips

As we passed through the streets leading to the outskirts of the city, I brightened considerably at the sight of the few fish and chip shops, but my hopes were dashed when the

driver said: "They only open two nights a week now because of the fat and potato shortage." During that week-end, Manchester underwent a potato famine caused by distribution problems, caused again by transport problems, and long lines of housewives were to be seen with their baskets waiting patiently under umbrellas in the unceasing down-pour of rain for the grocery shops to open their doors.

To one who has grown used to the full shelves of Hong Kong food stores, the empty shops in England were hard to stomach. The British housewife who for over six years has gone ration book in hand for her meat, butter, eggs, fruit and all necessary foods for a staple diet except fish, is still facing the horrible problem of how to make her food allowance stretch through the week.

It is not true to say that any one goes hungry in Britain today, but it is true to say that they are starved of luxuries and any foods which relieve a monotonous starch diet. While in Manchester a food parcel which I had sent from Hong Kong two months previously arrived after its long sea voyage. The delight with which this of tea, fruit, fish and meat were received were surprising and almost tragic to witness. Everybody in the vicinity of the station gathered round while the travel stained package was opened and I breathed a silent prayer of encouragement in the Hong Kong Food Parcel Committee which is bringing such pleasure and happiness to numerous homes in England today by its grand efforts. If any member of that committee had been present at the opening of my food parcel they would have been amply rewarded for the hours of work which they devote to the effort.

Cheerfulness

About the only commodity which is not rationed now in Britain is cheerfulness and determination to make the best of hardship and austerity, and there is no shortage of this. Cold weather and shortage of fuel is perhaps the hardest burden which the average English family has to contend with. There is at least one satisfaction which the working class at home appreciate today however in the shape of the scrupulous fairness and equality which accompanies the distribution and allotment of all supplies in the country. To a country like Lancashire, where before the war thousands of unemployed were unable to eat even the meagre rations which they had received today because they had not the money to buy it is of immense value to their moral.

The general feeling towards the Labour Government's control of the country seems to be one of admiration. The inevitable opposition which accompanies any administration in power in the country is of course present but in my opinion is still in a minority. Every average citizen in Britain takes an interest in the internal affairs of his country if not its overseas policy, which is not true of many other nations. In consequence they are accepting cheerfully the stringent regulations which are being imposed on them in the power period in the realisation that any Government at present in power would be hard put to it to produce better results.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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SCORE HONOURS

FIRST

There is one step which often should be taken by the declarer before he begins cross-ruffing. If he has any top honours in the third side suit—the one which he is not going to ruff—he should score them at the earliest opportunity. If he doesn't, and launches the ruffing process first, he may find that along the way one of the defenders will manage to discard once or more in that third suit. So doing, he may place himself in position to do a bit of defensive ruffing when those honours are belatedly led.

S. A. K 10 7 2
H. A. 4 3 2
D. A. K 4
C. 5
S. 6 5
H. Q. J 9 7
D. 6 5
C. K 8
S. Q. J 9 4
D. 10 9 7
C. A 10 6 4 2
(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East
Pass Pass 1 S Pass
2 S Pass 4 NT Pass
3 D Pass 5 NT Pass
6 C Pass 6 S
After South's response to the Blackwood convention showed one ace and no kings, North decided to be conservative and not reach out for the grand slam. It is well he did, as he managed to get himself set a couple of tricks anyway.

he set out upon that plan by taking the club Q lead with the A. Then he scored a first club ruff, the heart A, a first heart ruff, a second club ruff, a second heart ruff, a third club ruff, a third heart ruff, a fourth club ruff and then laid down his diamond A.

North had paid no attention to the defender's discards, or he would have noticed West parking the diamond 6 on the third club lead and the J on the fourth. So West was out of diamonds when North finally led the A, and ruffed it with the spade 6, which eliminated the A and Q in one fell swoop. With only diamonds left, North laid down the K, which West ruffed, and then the defender's heart J took the final trick. If North had scored the diamond A and K before proceeding with the cross-ruff, nothing could have kept him from making the contract. He would have lost only one trick in diamonds, at the end.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 10 7 4
H. 10 8 4 3
D. K J 8 7
C. 6 5
S. A 9 3
H. K 2
D. Q 4 3 2
C. A 10 8 7
S. K Q J
H. A 7 5
D. A 9 6 5
C. Q 9 2
(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

If South bids 1-Diamond, you double in the West, and North 2-Diamonds, what would you lead for maximum results?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"The beauty of insurance is that it provides for your wife, if anything should happen to you!"

In This the Fourth and Last Instalment of the Brooke-Popham Despatch, The Commander-in-Chief Deals With

GENERAL STRATEGY IN MALAYA

"These underestimates were not attributable solely to errors on the part of the Far Eastern Combined Bureau, but also to those of other bodies, including my own General Headquarters. An anti-white campaign had started in Japan in 1936 and it was evident that for long before the commencement of the war, a spirit of hatred of Europeans, particularly British, had constantly been inculcated into Japanese soldiers.

"They appear to have been taught that the killing of Europeans by any method was a patriotic action. It is possible that had we adopted the same course, some men might have fought harder at the start but it is difficult to inculcate a spirit of hatred into an Englishman.

Seeing A Jest

"This is partly due to his peculiar faculty of seeing a jest in the most depressing circumstances and partly to the fact that he is ultimately based on a fear which is not a natural characteristic of our race. The majority of the Indian regiments laboured under some disability on account of the inexperience of most of their British officers.

"As a rule, there would be two or three senior officers with 15 or more years experience, then a gap until we come to officers who had joined after September, 1939. Somewhere about half these officers had experience in India and could talk the language but having only from one to two and a half years service, they did not carry the weight which more experienced officers would have done.

"In both British and Indian units there was only a small leaven of war-experienced officers and men and it was under these conditions that young soldiers had to meet the first shock of a Japanese attack.

"A factor which had some effect on morale generally was that strategically, we were on the defensive; everyone knew that it was to our interests to avoid a war with Japan which meant that initiative and especially the choice of moment for the opening of the hostilities rest with them.

"As stated above, the Matador plan provided for a tactical offensive, provided an adequate warning could be obtained. As the events turned out, the execution of Matador was impracticable and later events confirmed that the decision not to carry out this operation was correct.

Essential Factor

"Then, owing to the comparative weakness of our forces in Malaya, we could neither afford heavy losses up north nor send up there more than limited reinforcements, because the necessity of retaining a force to defend southern Johore, and, in the last resort, the island of Singapore itself.

"This was not the result of a fortress complex but because the essential factor was the preservation of repair and other facilities in the naval base.

"The opinion held in London on this point was made perfectly clear in the latter part of December, when the Chiefs of Staff telegraphed His Majesty's Government agree to your conception that the vital issue is to ensure the security of the Singapore naval base.

"They emphasise that no other consideration must compete with this."

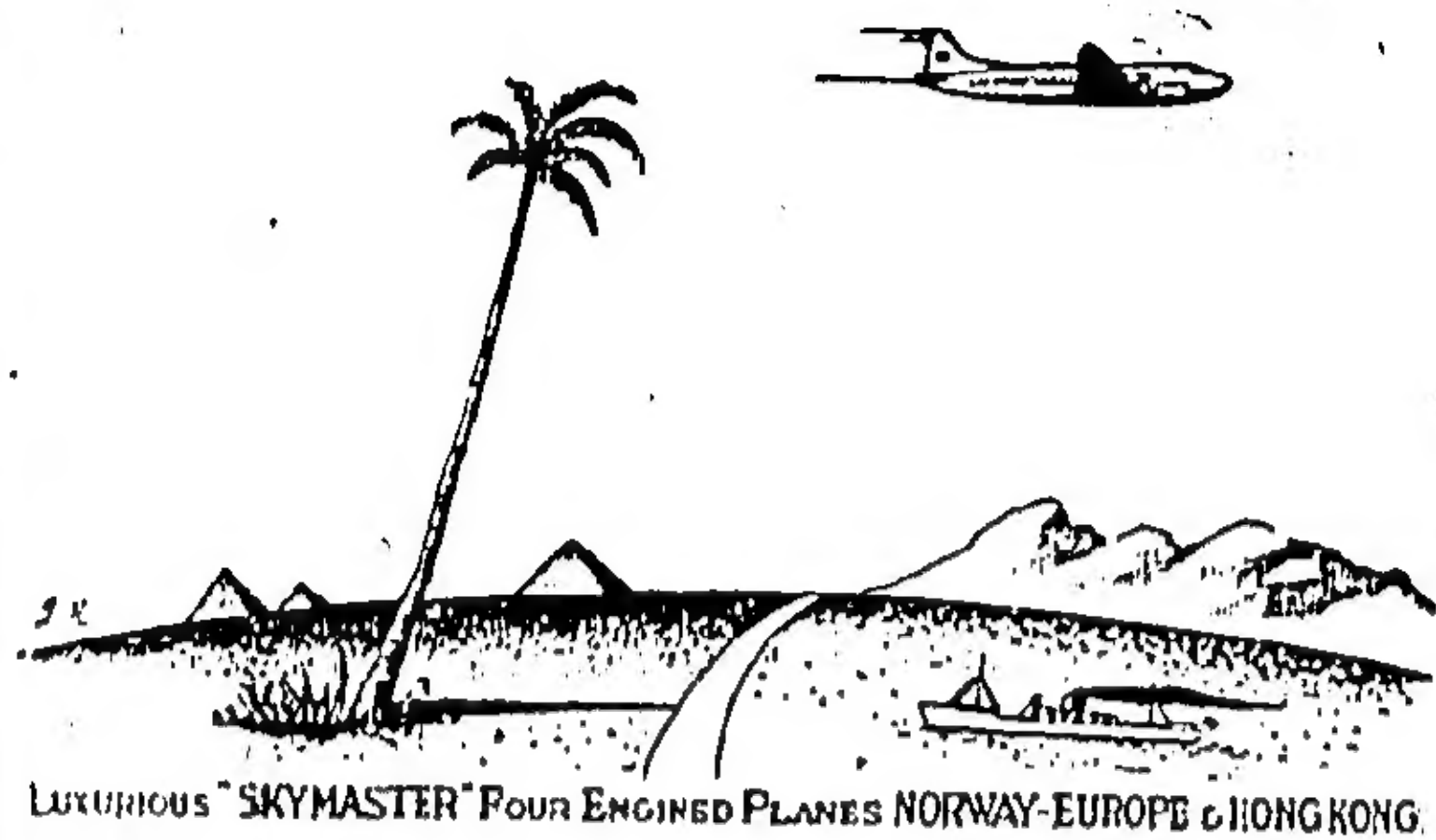
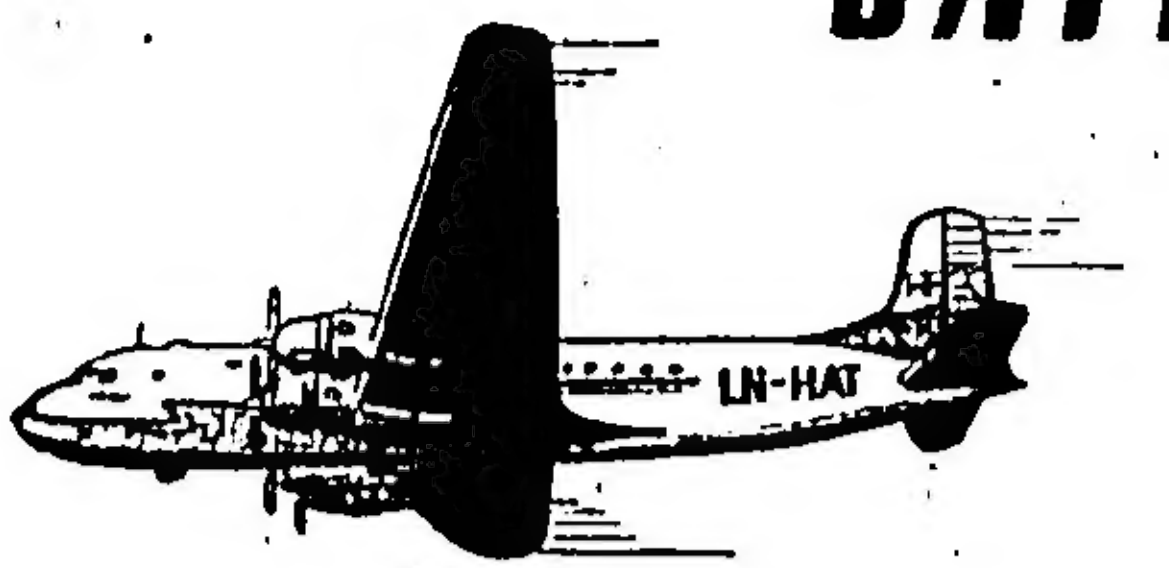
"The holding of northern Malaya was not an end in itself; it was with reference to the naval base that northern Malaya acquired its importance. This meant that the commanders in the north had to bear in mind the possibility of a withdrawal in the face of superior forces; their action — at any rate until Johore was reached — being mainly a delaying one to gain time for the arrival of reinforcements from overseas.

"Retreat Complex"

"This applied particularly to Kelantan area and to a lesser extent to Kuantan since, in both cases, the line of communication was a single one and vulnerable to air bombing.

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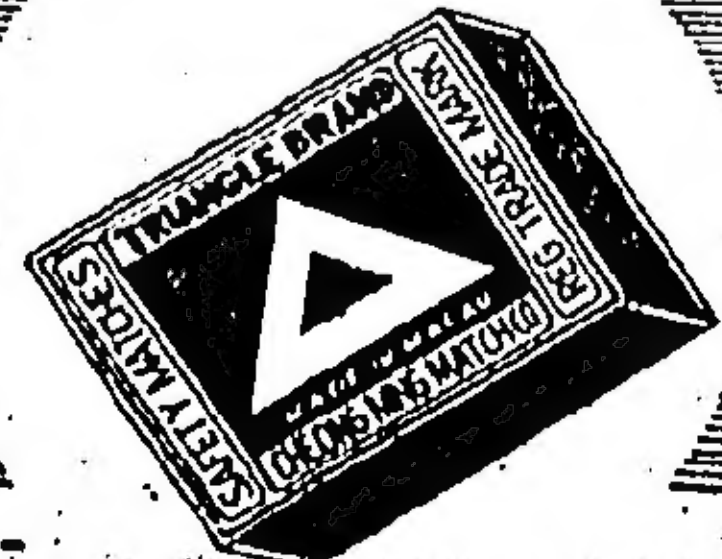


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Peers Debate Plan For Curbing Powers

Government To Persevere With Controversial Bill

London, Jan. 28,

Every inch of floor space was taken today when the House of Lords met to consider the Government's bill to curb the power of the Peers to delay legislation passed by the House of Commons.

Some Peers unable to find seats or benches, squatted on the floor, while others stood in the lobbies and lined the sides of the Chamber. Some even shared the Lord Chancellor's seat with him.

Normally only about 50 Peers attend debates. Today possibly 300 were present for the Chamber was crammed to capacity. It is unlikely that so many Peers have assembled there at one time for years even for State ceremonial occasions.

Peers, on whose behalf the campaign is being waged to obtain the right to sit and vote in the Upper Chamber, filled the Peers' Gallery.

At the entrance, members of the Commons packed the small space available and stood shoulder to shoulder to watch the proceedings.

The public gallery was also full. The bill which has already passed through the House of Commons after much controversy, reduces from two years to one the period that the predominantly Conservative House of Lords can hold up a Government measure.

Lord Addison began by moving the second reading of the bill, in other words he was asking for the Peers' agreement in principle.

At present, he said, the Labour majority in the House of Commons might find its work largely sterilised by the House of Lords with a Conservative majority. This was never so with a Conservative Government.

The bill was a precaution against the repetition of these "unfair conditions".

Lord Addison said it should not be for the House of Lords, by rejecting the Government bill, to decide what should be the issues of a general election.

Amid Labour cheers, he declared: "We challenge that implication from the very start."

The Labour Party would not accept that the non-elective House of Lords should be the final arbiter of the opinion of the people.

No Compromise

Lord Addison destroyed the initial hopes of a compromise over the present controversy by rejecting the Conservative suggestion that today's bill should be dropped in favour of one reforming the Upper Chamber.

Referring to the possibility of the House of Lords using its power to assert itself, Lord Addison criticised the emergency meeting he held during the summer Parliamentary recess against the advice of the Government.

On that occasion they met to review any measures passed by Government departments to deal with the economic crisis while the House of Commons was not sitting.

This, he said, was unprecedented and the Government had not failed to notice it.

To Go On

Asking what advantage there was in rejecting this bill, Lord Addison said the Government intended to go on with it even if it was rejected.

Moving rejection, Lord Salisbury described the bill as the "most dishonest measure ever brought before the British Parliament considering the circumstances in which it had been introduced."

"The only conceivable object of the bill was to enable the Government two years hence to pass another bill to nationalise iron and steel," he declared, and the Cabinet was divided even on that.

After Lord Addison had interrupted to deny this, Lord Salisbury maintained that the bill was offered to "some of the more irresponsible members of the Government to try to keep them quiet for some months more."

Powers Defended

Defending the present powers of the Upper Chamber, Lord Salisbury declared: "We believe that the power of the Second Chamber to refer back to the electorate (by rejecting the Government bill), doubtful measures on issues of greatest importance is absolutely vital to the survival of Democracy."

He likened the Second Chamber to that of the automatic pilot of an aeroplane which prevented the machinery from swinging too far either to the right or the left.

"That equilibrium can only be attained by some power of delay," he declared.

He asked amid opposition cheers why it was necessary to have the Second Chamber at all if only the Government had the right to interpret the views of the people even when those views were not accurately known.

Reform Plan

Lord Salisbury then dealt with his proposal for a reform of the House of Lords. It was clear, he said, that the body exercising delaying function as the House of Lords did, should be most fitted to inspire confidence in the community as a whole.

He partly agreed, he said, with the Government view that the House of Lords as at present constituted, was not such a body.

But it was a mistake to suggest that the Upper Chamber was not a responsible and representative body.

"It probably contains a high proportion of the most distinguished men of the day in all the walks of life. It is rich in elder statesmen, ex-governors, ex-diplomats, economists and famous leaders of the Conservative and of the Labour movement."

"From the point of view of technical knowledge I believe it compares extremely favourably with Members of the House of Commons," he added, amid Conservative cheers.

It was essential that a reform should be tackled if the House of Lords was to be modernised and made truly representative.

"This bill merely cuts down drastically the powers of the House of Lords and so destroys the essential balance of the constitution," he maintained.

All-Party Discussions

He then appealed to the Government to postpone the bill temporarily to enable all party discussions to take place with a view to producing a comprehensive scheme of reform which would cover both the composition and the power of the House of Lords.

"Our only object would be to ensure that essential powers of the second Chamber under the constitution should be preserved and that the best and most acceptable body should be set up to exercise these powers. There would be no commitments on either side."

Lord Addison then declared that the Government regarded the passing of this bill in its present form as essential. Afterwards, the Government would be willing to discuss Lord Salisbury's suggestion.

Lord Salisbury, however, could not see "the necessary prerequisite for fruitful negotiation" so long as the Government insisted on pressing the bill into law.

He suggested an adjournment of the debate until Monday to enable Lord Addison to put these arguments before the Government.

Lord Addison agreed to the adjournment and promised to inform his colleagues of Lord Salisbury's "very urgent representations" although he was, he said, not committing himself to any fruitful result.

The debate was then adjourned.—Reuter.

GANDHI CHEERED BY MOSLEMS

New Delhi, Jan. 27.
Mohandas K. Gandhi visited a Moslem shrine today and was met by hundreds of cheering Moslems, the newspaper "State-nan" reported.

Gandhi was joined in prayer by Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems at the shrine, where an annual fair was in progress.—Associated Press.

GERMANS OPPOSE IT

Frankfurt, Jan. 27.
Eight Prime Ministers of Western Germany strongly opposed, at their all-day meeting in Frankfurt today, Anglo-American proposals giving the chairman of the suggested bizonal "Cabinet" full responsibility for his six Ministers. It was reported.

The Premiers, it was understood, demanded the proposal be altered to make the six Ministers directly responsible to the Bizonal Economic Council for the "Cabinet's" actions.—Reuter.

Europe Reacts To Franc

London, Jan. 27.

Reaction to devaluation of the franc developed in other capitals today.

The Czechoslovak National Bank announced a new exchange rate of 23.25 Crowns for 100 Francs. The former rate was 42 Crowns for 100 Francs.

Denmark announced a rate of 2.24 3/4 Krone for 100 Francs, compared with an old rate of 4.015 for 100.

The Commonwealth Bank in Sydney, Australia, quoted a telegraphic transfer selling rate of 683.97 Francs to the Australian Pound. The former buying rate was 386.49 Francs.

In Bombay, banks quoted the devaluation franc at 64 to the Rupee. The old rate was 35 to one. In Paris, French business circles predicted the new Rupee rate would result in decreased imports of French motor cars to India.—Associated Press.

HEATERS OUT

Shanghai, Jan. 28

The Bureau of Public Utilities has issued an order prohibiting the use of electric heaters by private households, firms or offices during the present shortage of coal supplies and threatening offenders with shutting off their power supply.—Reuter.

General Strategy In Malaya

(Continued from Page 6)
"It is easy to talk of the lack of an offensive spirit and of a 'retreat complex', but under the conditions described above, the withdrawals from the north were necessary, and an adverse effect, induced by having to carry out a continuous retreat over some hundreds of miles starting from the early days of the campaign, must be attributed to the general situation rather than to any fault in the original morale of the troops themselves."

"It is possible, however, that the need for offensive action, even during retreat, had not been so stressed during the training of the officers and men as to become second nature."

"For instance, there appeared to be a tendency to use reserves for supporting a weak position of a defensive position rather than retaining them at all costs for bringing about a counter-attack."

"Again, up to the time I handed over the command, there was a tendency to use an independent company in Malaya as a reinforcement and not to carry out the functions for which it was specially intended. Further, the officers and men must be taught that occasions will arise when some parties have got to hold to the last man even though the main body of the force may be moving back."

RAF Shortage

"The Royal Air Force suffered from lack of staff. It was not so much that more officers were required at headquarters as that sufficient should be available to form another group headquarters."

"Fighter headquarters had been formed and operated well but the rest of the operations had to be carried out direct by the RAF headquarters, with the result that practically all headquarters air staff officers had to be employed in the operations room and, including the Air Officer Commanding, were fully employed in working out the details of bombing and reconnaissance, leaving no one to plan and think ahead."

"This condition would have been improved had it been possible to form another group to operate bombing squadrons or possibly naval cooperation and overseas reconnaissance as well as all bombing."

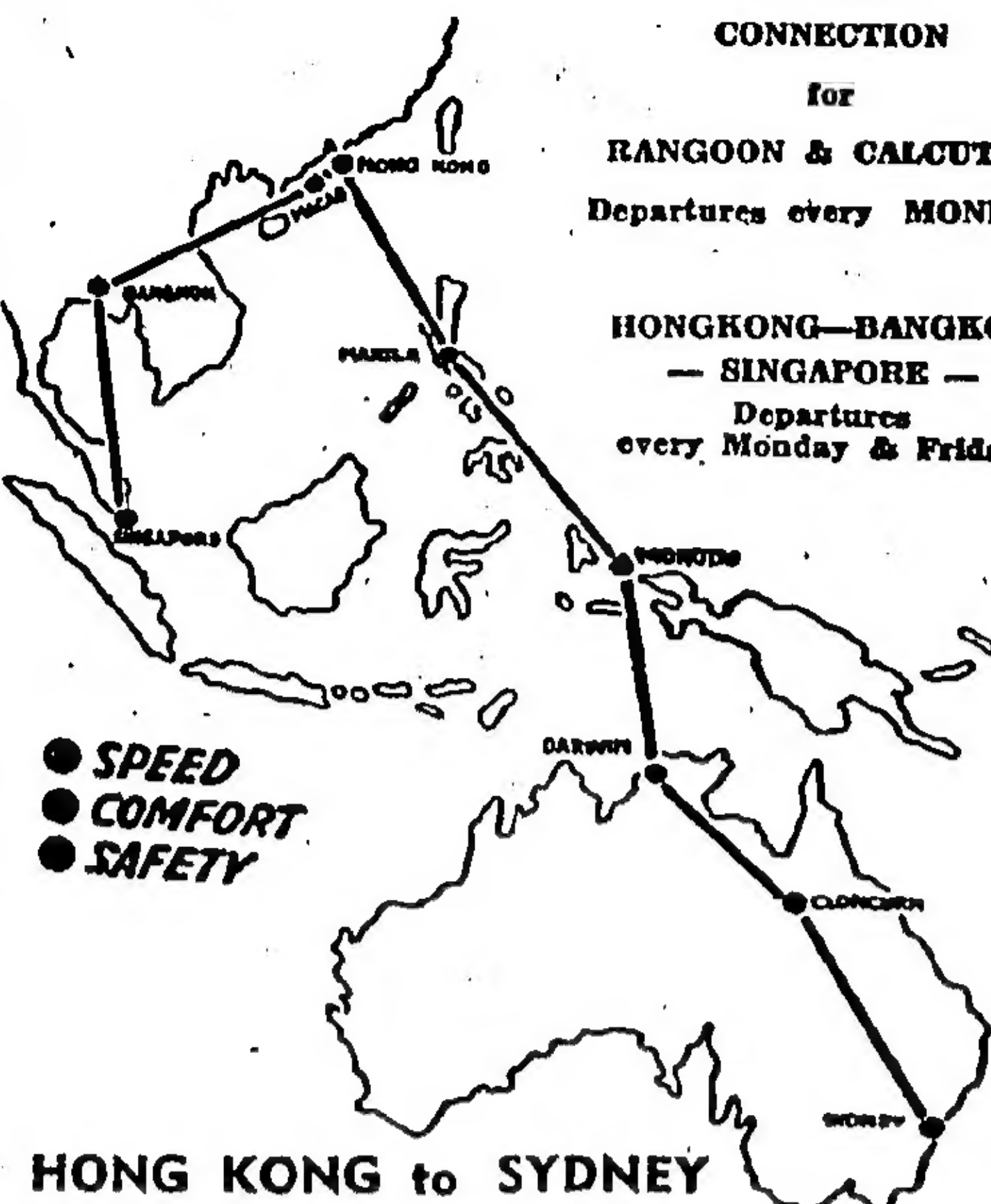
"An attempt was made to organise left-behind parties in northern Malaya with the object of obtaining information and carrying out sabotage of all sorts in the enemy's rear. This duty was entrusted to a section of the Ministry of Economic Warfare under Mr. Killery. It was, however, started too late and there was no time to organise it thoroughly."—Reuter.

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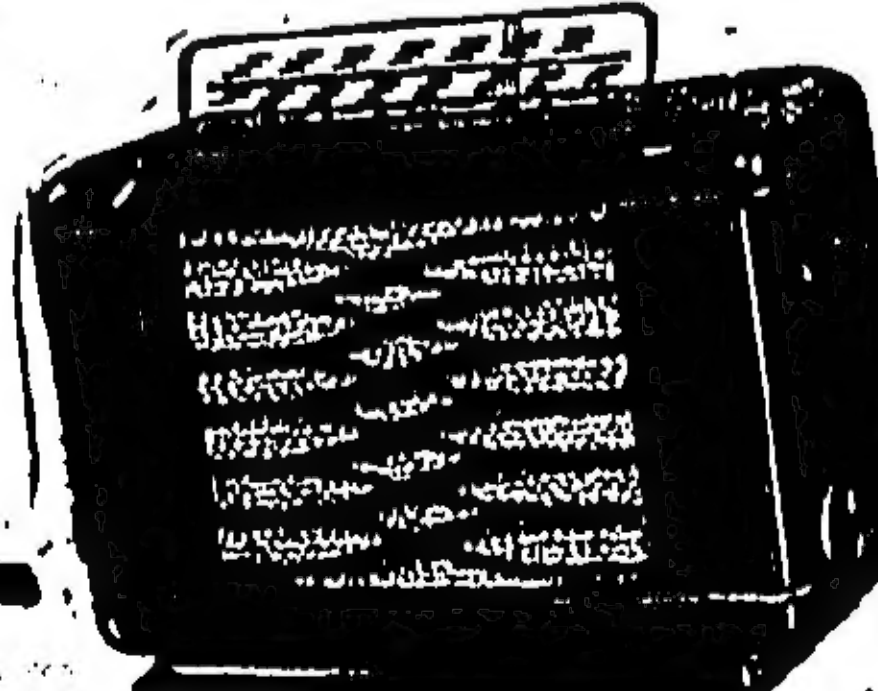


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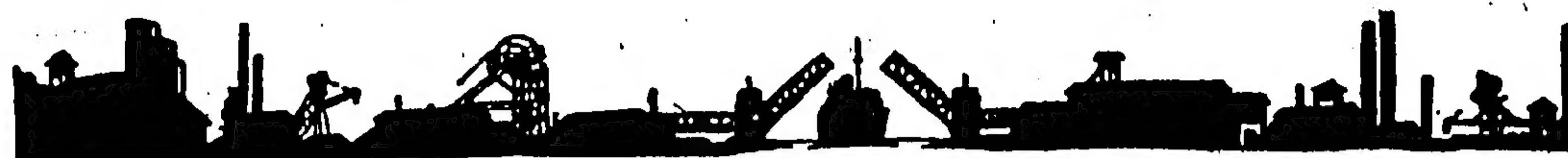
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ENGINEERING PAGE

NEW DESIGN FOR LIVING IN HONG KONG

Economy In Structure

A very considerable economy in structure could be achieved if architects took the trouble to design their buildings with a sincere desire to reduce to a minimum those parts of the premises which are not strictly necessary.

This viewpoint was expressed by Mr. C. C. Kluge, architect, in an interview with the "China Mail." Mr. Kluge, who studied architecture at the National Superior Academy of Fine Arts, Paris, and received his Architect's Diploma from the French Government in 1937, plans to hold an exhibition soon of his recent architectural designs.

Mr. Kluge told the "China Mail" that in his opinion most architects, whose remuneration is based on a percentage of the cost of building, do not care to reduce as much as possible the unnecessary part of their buildings. These include corridors, endless verandahs, cloth master's and servants' halls, large entrance halls, and so on.

At times, these "auxiliary elements" occupy twice as much space as the essential living quarters.

"If calculations and the engineer's design of the structure show the same neglect of economy as the architect's calculation," he said, "it is no wonder

that, amplified by profit-thirsty contractors, the estimates are only 'acceptable' if key-money or similar financial undertakings enable the owner to get a return, as soon as the building is completed, on a major part of his investment."

Mr. Kluge showed the "China Mail" a few of the designs he is going to exhibit (one of which appears on this page). Noteworthy points were the compactness of the structures, the design of the carrying skeleton, and the rational, organic disposition of stairs, rooms, services, etc. There was the minimum practicable wastage of space.

Asked if he was not afraid that his exhibition might not be going to his competitors, Mr. Kluge said that he did not mind if other architects borrowed his ideas "providing that as a result many buildings are erected in this Colony and the problems of houses and office-space find a solution."

One Solution

Concerning the lack of office-space in Hong Kong, Mr. Kluge suggested that one means of

meeting the problem would be to build an intermediate floor in the older buildings where the "headspace" is often 20 feet or more provided the work throughout the building is done simultaneously to a co-related design. If a 10-foot headspace was insufficient, air-conditioning could be installed quite easily to remedy matters.

At his exhibition, Mr. Kluge will be exhibiting plans, elevations, perspectives and clay models of most of his designs.

Typical of these are his designs for an apartment building and a semi-detached house.

Flats

The floor plan of the apartment building shows four apartments in each story, two 2-roomed flats and two 3-roomed flats. The total built area is 6,540 sq. feet and the height of one story is 11 feet, giving a volume of 58,740 cubic feet, or an average of 14,685 cu. ft. per apartment.

The total cost of such an apartment, including the best available building materials, a good lift, sanitary and plumbing

system, does not exceed \$2,500 a cubic foot, Mr. Kluge said, or, say, in round figures \$37,000.

House

The semi-detached house consists (in each section) of a ground floor made up of an entrance hall, study, lounge with verandah, dining room, pantry, kitchen, lavatory and servants' quarters; a first floor, consisting of four bedrooms, three bathrooms, two balconies and a large box room; and a second floor, consisting of a bedroom and a bathroom, a small room and a roof garden. Mr. Kluge estimates that the cost of a couple of such houses built with all the best materials, should be in the neighbourhood of \$140,000.

Experiments In Tin

A publication issued by the British Tin Research Institute states that interesting experiments have been in hand for more than four years to discover the most reliable means of protecting steel from rust.

Experiments were made with various sorts of steel and various types of protective surfaces such as oil paints, lacquer etc. In every case results showed that the most reliable means of rust-proofing was the application of a thin layer of tin. The latter need only be 0.00005 inches thick, and yet provides complete protection against rusting.

It is easy to paint over the top of this layer of tin; and repainting can be done later without any need for the previous layer to be scratched away carefully. On the other hand where paint is applied without the intermediate layer of tin, in every case the steel had rusted beneath the paint.

The cost of tinning is small. The tinning of both surfaces of a sheet of steel costs less than a quarter as much as painting only one of its surfaces.

According to a Canadian Consumer Survey made recently by the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association, 35.7 per cent (one car in three) is a 1936 model or older. The report also shows that 13 per cent of the cars owned in 60 Canadian cities are 1931 models or earlier.

made, different currents being used from time to time. The accuracy of working aimed at was a few parts in a million.

The work which has established these new values for the Ohm and the ampere was carried out completely in the British National Physical Laboratory and the Bureau of Standards in Washington and methods basically similar but in practice somewhat different were employed in the two institutions. There was then an additional check on the findings. These establish that one international Ohm, as used hitherto, is equivalent to 1.00049 new "absolute" Ohms and that one international ampere is equivalent to 0.99985 new "absolute" ampere.

Implications

The implications of these figures apply most obviously to certain precise resistance instruments such as current measuring resistors because what formerly was, say, 10,000 Ohms is now nearly 10,005 and such instruments fundamental to accurate electrical measurement will thus suffer a change in value of nearly .05 per cent.

The calibration of capacitors or condensers—noticeable British exports—is also affected and these instruments play a most important part in devices for measuring radio wavelengths and frequencies.

High precision condensers are very frequently sent to the National Physical Laboratory for calibration before marketing and from the New Year the new values will of course be employed when this is done.

Tanks Of The Future In Plastic

Tanks made largely of plastic and light enough to be flown from one front to another will play a decisive role in the event of another war, a U.S. military expert predicts.

Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, who commanded the parachute assault troops in the Normandy invasion, said the heavy tank of World War II is so outdated it belongs in the Smithsonian Institution.

"Armour in the future must fly, just as all other means of war must fly," said Gavin in a copyrighted article in the "Armoured Cavalry Journal."

"Either we show foresight now and develop the means that will enable us to fly everything we need for combat or another nation will," he said. "If another does—well, we've had it."

Gavin envisioned the Airborne Armoured vehicles of the future as being made of plastic, aluminum, magnesium and soybean, to reduce their weight.

"The race between armour and the gun, with the tank constantly growing heavier, already spells doom for the heavy tank," Gavin said. "The future of armoured vehicles lies in lighter, much lighter equipment."

British Industries Fair, 1948 Model

With four months to go, preparations for "B.I.F. 1948" are now in full swing. Allocation of space to 3,000 and more exhibitors has been completed. Decisions have been taken on the siting of various groups of exhibits and arrangements planned for the comfort and convenience of overseas visitors—always a prominent feature of B.I.F. organization.

The organisers of the world's largest industrial fair have a heavy and full-time job. Before the last reactions from overseas have been received, it is time to begin preparations for the next fair. To cope with this non-stop work there is a permanent staff in London. In addition a number of committees, consisting of representatives of leading British firms and trade associations, are appointed each year to act in an advisory capacity.

One of the more important of these is the Textile Committee headed by Sir Raymond Street, Chairman of the Cotton Board. For although leather will this year be replacing textiles as the highlight of the fair, textiles as one of Britain's greatest and most famous exports will continue to cover a wide area at Earl's Court and attract a very high proportion of the overseas buyers who visit London in May.

The three big exhibition centres occupied by the British Industries Fair—Castle Bromwich in Birmingham, Earl's Court and Olympia in London—will house much the same groups of exhibits as last year. Thus the engineering industries will be represented at Birmingham and lighter industries in London. The attraction at Earl's Court besides leather goods and textiles will include plastics, pottery, glass and furniture. The different halls of Olympia will show among other things the latest scientific and photographic goods, office appliances and sports goods, toys and silverware, clocks, watches and fancy goods. In all 87 industries will be represented at the three centres.

Demands For Space
In view of the immense success of the British Industries Fair in 1947, the first to be held for eight years, it may seem rash to predict still greater success for this year. Yet from the display point at least this should be the case.

Far more manufacturers have applied for space even than last year: in London the demand exceeded the area available—more than 520,000 square feet—by no less than 35 per cent. The B.I.F. organisers could therefore be highly selective in their choice of exhibitors whose goods will represent the cream of British industry. The exhibits will, moreover, have a strong export angle since priority in space is also determined by the export potential of an individual manufacturer and his industry.

One of the most popular features of last year's B.I.F. was its remarkably wide range of entirely new products and developments. While it is doubtful whether 1948 will eclipse this performance—which represented the fruits of wartime as well as post-war industrial research—it is certain that British inventiveness and ingenuity will provide a new substantial contribution from developments announced in the last few months. Such items as Pyrex (a revolutionary building material), substitutes for linseed oil and wood, unbreakable spectacles, ladderless stockings, a shorthand machine for blind operators and a new "brain" machine.

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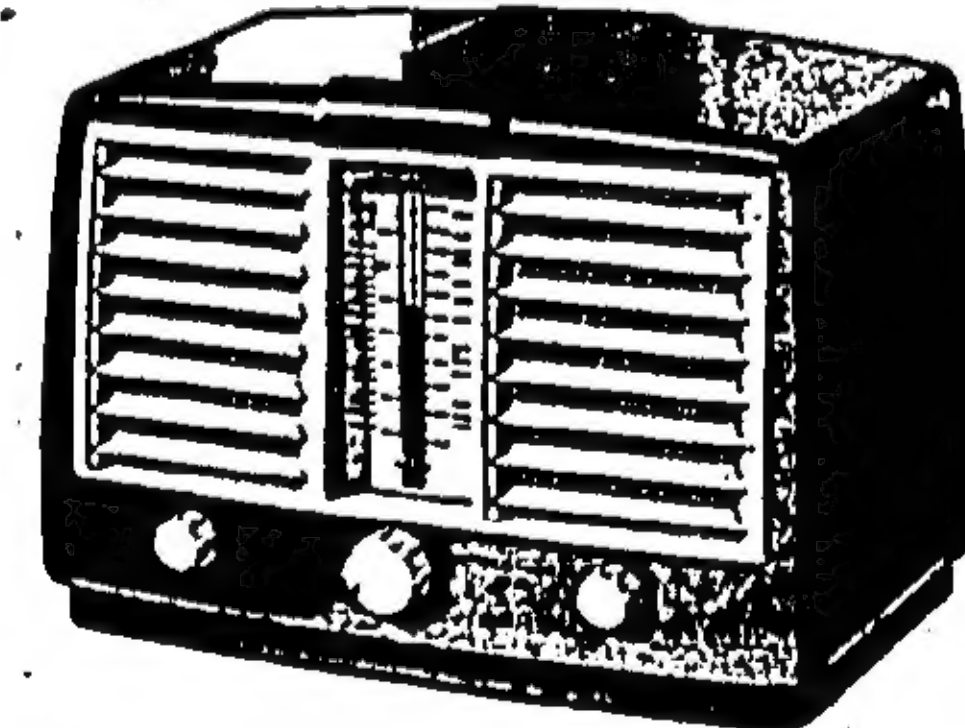
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BRITISH NOTE ON KOWLOON Issue Of Walled City Jurisdiction Po On Magistrate Mentioned

London, Jan. 27.

Britain has told China she wishes to treat the jurisdiction of the Walled City of Kowloon, as a separate issue from the recent eviction of squatters, through the Chinese Ambassador in London, Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi.

Britain regarded these discussions as still in progress, the note said, and the Government hoped shortly to submit its views to the Chinese Government.

The note stated that it would have been expected that the British Government would have failed to take any action for the eviction of squatters from the Walled City of Kowloon, because the jurisdiction issue was under discussion.

America Shivers Again

New York, Jan. 27.

America's mid-West shivered under a new wave of frigid weather from Central Canada today, the third cold wave in a week in which 100 deaths have been attributed to the weather.

The cold wave, which the country's weather bureau said was the coldest since 1917, hit the mid-West, where it is believed the Hong Kong Government was told to clear the area of squatters.

Britain recently sent a note to China demanding compensation for the Canton and British riots. The Chinese note which followed made no mention of the British request, but in return demanded compensation for the Kowloon incident.—Reuter.

NANKING VIEWS

London, Jan. 27.

China "shares with the British people her detestation of the acts of violence which took place yesterday week in Canton," Dr. Hollington Tong, Director of the Chinese Government Information Office, Nanking, said in a letter printed in the Times today.

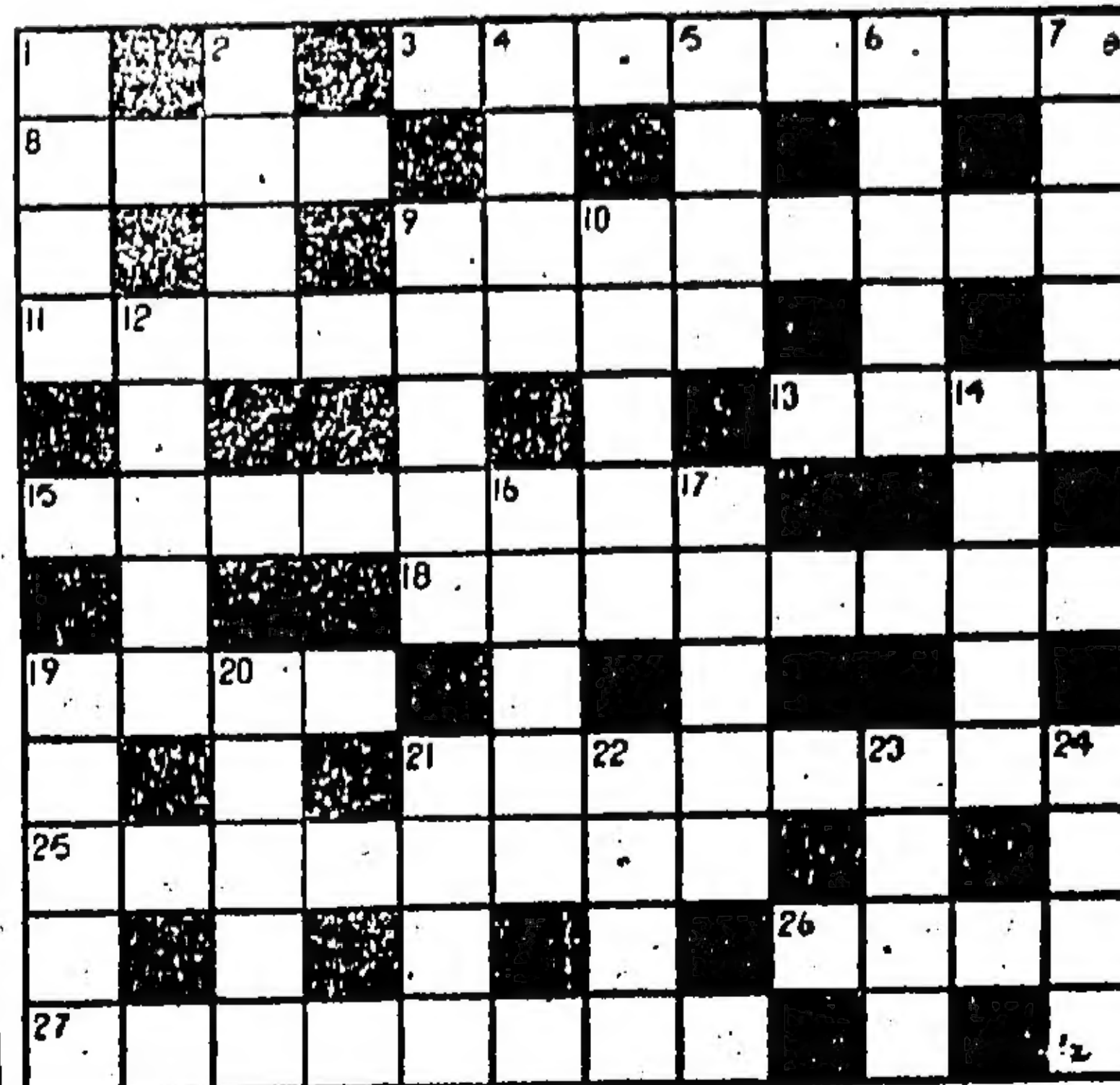
Dr. Tong discussed a leading article of the Times on the situation at Kowloon where evictions from condemned dwellings led to prison sentences on the Chinese, which in their turn gave rise to anti-British disturbances at Canton and elsewhere.

He said the Times attributed the events in Canton to the "freedom given by the Chinese Government to a press campaign against the British in Hong Kong," and claimed that there was no "Chinese censorship," and that the Chinese press was free of control as the British.

"It is deeply regrettable if the newspapers employed the news, thereby inducing the mood that led to the Canton outrages," he said. "But if this is true, it is difficult to see how we could have avoided it, short of measures which would have seriously weakened our democratic processes of government."

He concluded that the Times would be the last to suggest we permit these events to stampede us into the backward step of peacetime censorship.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Friendly.
- 8 Actual.
- 9 Stayed behind.
- 11 Bullfighter.
- 13 Pleased.
- 15 Scorned.
- 18 Expunging.
- 19 Went under.
- 21 Adieu.
- 23 Seller.
- 26 Scrutinise.
- 27 Shows off.

Clues Down

- 1 Worry.
- 2 Couple.
- 4 Reward.
- 5 Search.
- 6 Common place.
- 7 Finished.
- 9 Mad.
- 10 Pattern.
- 12 Musical drama.
- 14 Cancel.
- 16 Part of flower.
- 17 Hinder.
- 19 Piece torn off.
- 20 Observes.
- 21 Replish.
- 22 Depechd.
- 23 Engrave.
- 24 Connection.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Doctor, 4 Teeth, 7 Paradise, 8 Meets, 9 Sample, 11 Nervous, 13 Modesty, 15 Erased, 18 Lure, 19 Transfer, 20 Thems, 21 Hungry.

SOVIET ZONE EXPLOSION

Hamburg, Jan. 27.

At least 197 people, including children, were injured and 850 houses damaged when a heavy bomb exploded while being dismantled for scrap iron in the Soviet Zone city of Erfurt yesterday.

Ninety houses were so badly damaged that the occupants had to be evacuated.—Reuter.

"Poison" But Should Take It

Lake Success, Jan. 27.

Zecherling Chaffee today advocated complete freedom for people in the United States to study and discuss Communism. Chaffee, Professor of Jurisprudence at Harvard Law School called Communism "poison" but said he had faith that the people would be able to separate the "wheat from the tares" if given a fair chance.

Y. M. Lomakin, Soviet Consul-General in New York said: "We do not shrink from studying Capitalism in the Soviet Union but here you shrink from studying Communism."

Lomakin and Chaffee are sitting as "experts" chosen by the United Nations and not as government representatives. The subcommittee is trying to draft a simple statement on freedom of information.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN SHIP TURNED AWAY

Jerusalem, Jan. 27.

An American ship, the Exporter, was forbidden entry into Jewish Tel Aviv's harbour tonight and ordered by the Palestine Government to proceed to Haifa.

The Exporter, 7,047 tons, is owned by the American Export Lines. The Palestine Government recently issued a regulation empowering the harbour authorities to order the redirection of ships in view of the congestion in some ports.—Reuter.

DEGREE FOR PRINCESS

London, Jan. 27.

Princess Elizabeth will visit Oxford on May 25 to receive the Honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law, it was announced tonight.—Reuter.

INDIA AND PAKISTAN STILL UNRECONCILED

Lake Success, Jan. 27.

The India and Pakistan delegations, meeting at a roundtable conference today, are understood to be still a long way apart on two vital issues affecting the Kashmir plebiscite.

The India delegation, which asked for the postponement of the meeting until today, is known to have received fresh instructions from Delhi—which, according to one spokesman, "strengthened our delegation's position."

From usually reliable sources it is learned that India still maintains her stand on these two issues: First, that of the India troops in Kashmir and secondly, Sheikh Abdullah's administration. The Pakistan delegation is insisting that no fair plebiscite can be held in Kashmir unless Indian and other "foreign" fighting forces are withdrawn from the territory.

It also holds strongly that only a neutral administration can operate an entirely free plebiscite. The India Government claims it cannot consent to withdraw

New Wage Charter

London, Jan. 27.

Men and women who cook and serve in licensed establishments—from the head chef of a West End hotel to a holiday camp—are given a new wage charter based on 48 hours a week.

From March 1, they will also get up to 12 days paid holiday yearly overtime ranging from the time and quarter to double time, an extra two shillings in the p and if their work is spread over 12 to 14 hours daily, and five shillings in the pound extra for night work.

The top wage goes to the Chef de Cuisine—head chef—who will get from ten pounds and three pence up to 11 pounds ten shillings if he has no meals.

Waiters are to get from three pounds ten shillings to five pounds weekly. Barmaids two pounds seven shillings and three pence, seven pounds 17 shillings and chambermaids from two pounds five shillings and three pence to three pounds 15 shillings.

These are minimum rates and they have been fixed by the Catering Commission after nearly two years of investigations into Britain's hotels.

The rates apply to all the establishments which have 10 or more bedrooms for guests or lodgers and where "intoxicating liquor can be lawfully sold."—Reuter.

Commission At Fault

London, Jan. 27.

The four-power commission for the disposal of the former Italian colonies overruled a British warning that demagogues' rations when they visited Mogadishu, the capital of the former Italian colony of Somaliland would involve danger, it was officially stated here today.

As a result, the British authorities in the town authorized the demonstrations, against their better judgment.

More than 50 Italians and Somalis were killed in the clashes, which resulted from friction between Italians and Somalis. The British authorities acted in the conviction that refusal would be misinterpreted, particularly in Italy, as an attempt to withhold evidence of the real feeling of the population, it was added.—Reuter.

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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"CASTLEDOR"	Hombay	9th Feb.
"TREVETHOR"	Shanghai	14th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	28th Feb.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K.	10th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"CASTLEDOR"	Shanghai & Kobe	12th Feb.
"TREVETHOR"	Singapore, Penang, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	10th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits, Colombo and Bombay	23rd Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	29th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai U.K. and Continent via Straits	13th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai	14th Mar.

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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	1st Feb.

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Strait	10th Mar.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
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"HUPHAI" Amoy, Hongkong, Shanghai & Tientsin 5 p.m. 31st Jan.
"TSINAN" Swatow 3 p.m. 1st Feb.
"FOOCHOW" Shanghai 4 p.m. 5th Feb.
"SHENGKING" Singapore, Malacca, Sourabaya & Batavia 7 a.m. 7th Feb.
"NEWCHOW" Shanghai 4 p.m. 9th Feb.
"YOHOW" Shanghai 4 p.m. 11th Feb.
"KWEIYANG" Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok 3 p.m. 13th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

"YOHOW" Singapore & Hongkong 2nd Feb.
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Hai Chiao (China Mer.) from Shanghai (Capt. C.P. Chiu), A.D. 19.
Hsing Shiao (H. Mer.) from Singapore (Capt. J.H. Crawley), A.D. 19.
Mushie (S. China) from Macao (Capt. H.P. Morrison), 11.15.
Mongshun (H. & S.) from Liverpool (Capt. P.W. Saverly), 10.15.
Pres. Jefferson (A.P.L.) from Manila (Capt. W.T. Tyrrell), 10.15.
Tairishun (Everett) from (Hollow), 10.15.
Yan Tai (China Mer.) from Canton (Capt. A. King-wan), 10.15.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

China Victory (A.P.L.) to Manila 10.15.
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Molokai (A.P.L.) to Shanghai 10.15.
Sabre (A.P.L.) to Singapore 10.15.
Tahiti (A.P.L.) to Swatow 10.15.

ARRIVALS TODAY

Agnes (H. & S.) from U.K. & Straits (Capt. M. Everett), 10.15.
Kin. Wh. (A.P.L.) from U.S.A., 10.15.
Christian SASS (Mess. Mar.) from Europe, 8.0.
Marchen Maersk (Jebesen) from U.S.A., 8.0.
Pres. Polk (A.P.L.) from New York, 10.15.
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Almair for Bangkok, Singapore, Java, Ceylon, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Almair for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Almair for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Fochow (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Closing Times by Sea and Train
Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.

Saloon, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy, 10 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada) (Par. and Reg.) 12.30 p.m. (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.

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Saloon, 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.
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Feb. 1, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Feb. 4, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Feb. 6, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Jan. 31, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.
Feb. 3, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
p.m.

Feb. 10, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
p.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.

Jan. 30, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Feb. 1, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
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Spitfires Leave

The Spitfires from No. 28 Squadron, commanded by Squadron Leader G. Brown, DSO, DFC, which flew up from Singapore ten days ago, left Kai Tak yesterday morning on the first leg of their return flight, which is being made over the same route.

Australia Wins By An Innings

Australia won the 1st Test match here today by an innings and 16 runs, after the first day's play had produced a 1-1 draw. Australia scored 241 in the first innings, while the Chinese made only 104 in reply. In the second innings, Australia scored 104, while the Chinese made only 104 in reply.

(By "Rover")
A number of our local football referees have apparently gone off the deep end in consequence of criticisms appearing in the "China Mail" of the manner in which soccer games are handled by certain referees.

It would seem that the referees concerned are not only lacking in experience but also in the ability to handle the game. They are not only lacking in experience but also in the ability to handle the game. They are not only lacking in experience but also in the ability to handle the game.

Illegal Tackling
The referee in the match between the Chinese and the Navy team was criticised for illegal tackling. The referee in the match between the Chinese and the Navy team was criticised for illegal tackling.

Poaching Of Players
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Louis v. Walcott Stalemate
Miami, Florida, Jan. 27. Negotiations in the proposed world heavyweight title fight between Louis and Walcott have reached a stalemate.

He Didn't Break His "B-Neck"
"Mr. Reddish said, 'By the grace of God I didn't break my b-neck,'" said H. V. Ardy in a statement at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Memorial Cup
The semi-final tie of the Memorial Cup Competition between Army and Royal Air Force will be played this afternoon at Soekoppo at 3.30 p.m.

Control Of Meat Shops
By-laws governing Roast (or Cooked) Meat Shops, passed by the Urban Council on Jan. 6 under the Public Health (Food) Ordinance 1935, were yesterday approved by Legislative Council.

INTERNATIONAL CUP TEAM
The following team has been selected to represent Ireland against China in the International Cup competition at the Causeway Bay Ground on Saturday.



One of the riders in the Sussex Novice's Steeplechase is seen clinging to the neck of his mount as he tried—successfully—to regain his saddle. The race was held at Lingfield Park, Surrey, on January 16th. (Associated Press Photo.)

Few Surprises in School Soccer

(By E. D.)
Sunday saw few surprises in the School Football League games apart from E.K.P.M. Juniors 9-1 victory over A.C.P.M. after the two teams had shared a goalless draw in their previous meeting.

Appointment of Referees
The appointment of referees to representative games has, in the opinion of a large number of referees, left much to be desired.

Linesmen At Juniors Games
The complaint made by one of the senior referees regarding the absence of efficient linesmen at junior games was fully justified.

Mexican Pyramids Discovered
Mexico City, Jan. 28. Senora Carmen Galto de Maldonado, who headed Red Cross work in the Tamazunchale area during last August's cyclone, reported yesterday the finding of four pyramids, built by a forgotten Mexican civilisation.

Demonstrations Over Iraq Treaty
Baghdad, Jan. 27. The Iraq Regent, Emir Abdal Ilah, announced tonight the resignation of the Government of Salih Jabur who last week signed a new treaty of alliance with Britain.

False Declaration
A false declaration on his clearance as to the number of people on board cost the master of the Hong Kong-Canton motor vessel "Kwai Wah" a fine of \$350 in the Marine Court yesterday.

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BEVIN SECURITY PLAN FOR MIDDLE EAST

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